

Dates for
the Diary:

Goodbye September
Welcome October!

2022

Diary Dates Week Commencing 3rd October

Mon 3rd October	- Crafty Afterschool Club
Tues 4th October	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
Wed 5th October	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club
	- FOREST SCHOOL EAGLE & KESTREL CLASSES
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
Thurs 6th October	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2 last session for group 2
	- 9:00 am Running Club
	- PARENTS EVENING 15:30-18:00
Fri 7th October	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 10th October

Mon 10th October	- EAGLE CLASS CHELTENHAM LITERAURE FESTIVAL
	- Crafty Afterschool Club
Tues 11th October	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
	- KESTREL CLASS CHELTENHAM LITERAURE FESTIVAL
	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Afterschool Club
Wed 12th October	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2 last session for group 2
Thurs 13th October	- MERLIN 1 & 2 CHELTENHAM LITERAURE FESTIVAL
	- 9:00 am Running Club
	- FOREST SCHOOL MERLIN CLASS
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 14th October	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Dear Parents & Carers,

The staff team and I hope that you have all had a good week. Thank you to those parents who have been to see us for their parent's evening appointment. We hope that you found this helpful and look forward to seeing more of you next week. If you haven't managed to book a slot yet due to your own busy schedules then please do contact teachers directly and they will find a suitable time to meet with you.

In the past two weeks we have welcomed a new pupil Osho and his family to the school. We hope that they will enjoy being part of our Sheepscombe family.

Apple Day and Harvest Festival were a popular part of this week in school, as you will see from the newsletter photographs. Children worked in their family groups across the morning, taking part in all of the activities. The older children were excellent role models and helpers with our very youngest children, who of course took it all in their stride. When we do pupil conferencing children always tell us this is one of their favourite days, which makes it all worthwhile to staff (who always look a bit frazzled by the end of the morning!). Thank you to those of you that came to Harvest Festival, there will be many more opportunities to come into school in the year ahead for those of you that couldn't make this event. We also hope to be back in the Church for some events during the year.

Children also welcomed poet Mr Phil Bowen into school last week - he introduced children to a range of poets in an entertaining performance. He worked with each class on creating themed verse, some of which will be installed on our woodland poetry trail.

Coming up soon is the Cheltenham Literature Festival for Years 1 to 6, (letter to follow), this is also a Sheepscombe favourite and we look forward to taking the children to this event each year. Children in Eagle and Kestrel classes have already completed an online workshop connected to this. Meeting authors and poets and sharing in their writing and creative journey always inspires our pupils and staff alike and gives us a great springboard for learning.

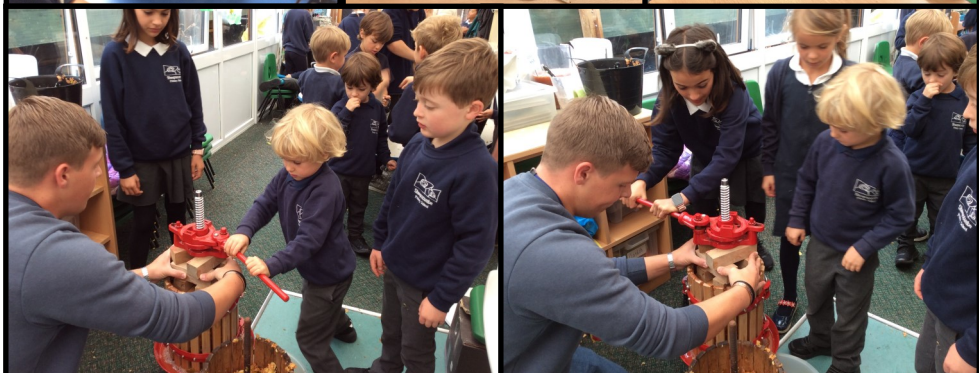
Next week Forest School takes place on WEDNESDAY for Eagle and Kestrel classes instead of Thursday, as Mr Gardner is out on a course on Thursday, so please send your children to school ready for Forest School. As the weather can now be a bit less predictable please ensure that your child brings a coat and that they are dressed warmly enough to be outside for an extended period of time. Many thanks.

Our competitive sporting fixtures begin soon, in conjunction with Atlas Sports and the School Games network, starting with a football tournament in a couple of weeks time. We will be asking for some parental support with this and will be in touch very soon.

We are always keen to hear about any expertise in the school community - if you have a talent or special interest you would like to share with the children and staff then do let us know! We are also starting our usual 'What's it like to be...' assemblies in the next few weeks. This involves people from our parent body, community or wider connections coming in to school to talk to a class or two of children about what they do or did for a job and what their own school experience was like. It is so good for children to find out about the huge variety of occupations that exist - it helps them to see how diverse people are in their interests and skills and supports understanding of us being 'all the same, but different and all valued' that we talk to children about frequently. If you've got some time to spare in the months ahead, please do get in touch.

In the next couple of weeks Mrs Powell and myself will put together a calendar of events so that you can see some of the key dates across the year, which might help you with forward planning. In the meantime, I hope that you all have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,
Vicky Dangerfield



Apple Day

